(d) Sections 375 and 376, IPC have been substantially changed by the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1983 (Act of 1983). The Act has introduced several new sections 376A, 376B, 376C and 376D. These new sections have been introduced with a view to stop abuse of women in custody, care and control by various categories of persons.

The Law Commission of India in its 172nd report on "Review of Rape Laws" has, inter-alia, recommended various changes in sections 375, 376 and 509 of IPC for making punishment more severe. The recommendations of the Law Commission are under examination.

MoU signed between India and China

69. SHRIMATI N.P. DUGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have signed an MoU to combat drug trafficking, terrorism, gun-running along the border areas; and

(b) if so, the details of the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The MoU signed on 8th September 2005 provides for exchange of experience and information on terrorist activities and their linkages as well as exchange of experience on terrorism related crimes. Further, the MoU provides for cooperation in prevention and suppression of illegal and criminal activities, subject to respective domestic laws, in the areas of money laundering, economic crimes, crimes against wild life, drug trafficking and trafficking in fire arms and ammunition, forgery of passport, visas and other documents, cyber crime and other transnational crimes.

Review of training methodologies by BSF

70. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSF is thinking of reviewing its training methodologies so as to keep pace with the new challenges; and